

HEADQUARTERS KEARNEY ARMY AIR FIELD
OFFICE OF THE COMMANDING OFFICER
KEARNEY, NEBRASKA

Please send this back
mama wants it. Thanks.

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Hija, Folks, -

Santa off schedule, - wouldn't you say? - Well, - that "aint all"! -
Between running the Army (ahem), deciding my future, and getting
married - let me be the first to admit that, frankly, - I'm running
around in such tight circles I don't even have the faintest idea
of which way is up! - Which way is?

Hope - I'm not the commanding officer of Kearney yet - in spite of
what the stationery might lead you to believe. - It's just that I'm
"Staff O.D." today and I have to hold down the C.O.'s office from
quitting time to startin' time in the morning! - So while there's a
lull, - there's an excellent opportunity to scratch out a letter to you
and try to bring you up to date. - This just happens to be the
only stationery available.

Can't think much about anything but Marian + me, for some
reason, so if I seem to dwell on certain subjects - please just
consider the source and the events leading up to present "status
quo". - Haven't got plans under way, nearly as well as might be
expected at this point. - The Chaplain was called away last week for an
emergency and as Marian knows so few of the answers, we've, of a
necessity, had to wait on lots of the finer points. For this reason we've
decided Saturday the 2nd would be more appropriate as the Chaplain
gets back tomorrow and we can use the extra day this gives us. And
I'm not kidding. - We had our blood test made yesterday and tomorrow we
hope to get the license. - In the midst of all this I've had to put
Esmeralda in the shop so you can see how it all goes! - We still expect to
go to Denver if the weather will give us a break and keep the snow to a minimum.

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The wedding - has about got me stumped. - It will be in the Chapel here on the base and whether or not a reception follows we haven't decided. - It would be in accord to Army edicts. - He could give a small one in one of the rooms in the Officer's club - or we had entertained the idea of a supper party for the bridal party & close friends. - No decision yet, tho! He will have organ music, only, and the Col. is to give Marian away! - Don't say we aren't having a classy affair! -

Itish things were different and we could be married so that you folks could get a look at all that goes on. - Of course, you are probably much better off cause I'd probably put you to work on some phase of it! - I can readily understand now why I've been a 'best man' at so many of these things. - At least I know what to do, - even if I won't get around to having them all done! - A good training. - Marian has been on 24 hr. call at the hospital for the past 10 days - so hasn't been able to get out to do a lot of the things she would normally do. Tomorrow, tho, ~~the~~ the other nurse will get back from 'leave' - so things should shape up. - The hospital has been very good, tho - has let her have the field whenever she has asked to.

Oh, yes. - you asked. - but I haven't thought to tell. - Marian's mother is suppose to arrive tomorrow - and will be here for the wedding. - Her folks, too, naturally would like to have her married at home - but understand the situation. -

Our apartment - there isn't one! Honestly, - we are still looking after about 3 wks. We have tried to find one we really liked - ~~and as long~~ as long as we were looking, - but so far no luck. - They all have some objections, like sharing baths, kitchen, ice-boxes - and one - a real nice one - the lady would get you aside and explain, "Of course the OPA put so & so as the rent - but I think it's worth \$10 a month more - so if we could keep it quiet, you could just pay me that on the side," etc. - Not for me, yet. - I'll go to work again and come out

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shooting local inhabitants, first! - However, - we still have hopes and are sure we'll find a place yet.

Nebraska showed another version of its versatility in weather yesterday - and as a result you should see the dirt & stuff around over everything. - A real dust storm - but perhaps it made the hopes and you read about it? - I saw it coming - and took our B-25 up to have a look at it from the air. - Very dusty - couldn't see a damn thing - had to actually fly instruments! - Just beat it to the field when I landed! - Wind blew upwards over 40 mph and at times visibility was cut down to 1/4 mile! - Dust everywhere. - couldn't breathe without being definite you ~~were~~ breathing good old dirt. - Could just imagine this country when it was the dust bowl several years back!

Emeralda wasn't really ailing - you know me and a car. - I put her in the shop for a valve job. - which she did need - and then to get lots of little things done that have all been annoying me. - Have to get some real work done on the knee action but parts aren't available. - Guess it all just adds up to I want it in A-1 condition. - never can tell - I might want to drive to D.C. one of these days! -

Gotta stop now - so will fix this for mailing in the A.M. - Be good and write to me. - I'll send you a telegram and let you know when the deed is done. -

Lots of Love,
Frank